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Faint not because another fails
Of doing his apportioned task.
Rest not with past achieved success,
Each day must bring its own return.
Strive earnestly in every way
To do thy best.

Heed not alone the voice that speaks
Of greater things to test thy steel;
Mark well the little things of life,
Each one to do.

Act well the part that falls to thee;
Call forth the best that in thee lies.
Assure thyself that he who wins
Does so by earnestness and zeal.
Eternity alone reveals---
Made manifest in character---
Thou LOYALTY.

---Ralph Conard

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Are you willing to see
Forest Home Academy
Closed? No! To be
sure not.



Then get busy and boost.
Write to the Conference
Committee today, and tell
them that you believe



Forest Home can and
should be continued.

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WHY FOREST HOME WAS ESTABLISHED

“GO ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Are not Seventh-day Adventists to go to every nation, tongue, and people with the message of salvation? If this be true why then should our young people spend valuable time in attending the public institutions, there pursuing courses of study which tend to lead them from Christ, and which, in fact, are detrimental to their spiritual welfare?

Why should they do this and be encouraged to do so, when God thru his holy agencies has instructed his people to establish church-schools, academies, and colleges, in which to train thoroly and educate young men and women in service for him?

He has said that “True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.”

Because of the instruction received from the One Above to establish these academies and schools where the Bible is made the foundation of learning, and because of the large number of young people in the Western Washington Conference, it was thot best to found two intermediate schools: one, Meadow Glade Academy, in the extreme southern part, and the other, our own Forest Home Academy, in the northern part of the state. Here, under the influence of Christian teachers and the association of young people of like faith, the youth are being trained for the Master's service, and characters are being built for eternity.

Even now Forest Home is well represented by her graduates in the great army of Seventh-day Adventist workers. There are many who have enrolled here for one or more years who, when completing their work, have felt that they were still unprepared for life's tasks, and have gone on climbing the ladder of success in our higher schools. On the other hand there are those who have gone immediately from here into fields of labor.

China, Japan, and India as well as other heathen lands have felt the Forestonian influence and are glad.

In God's great world plan, Forest Home Academy was established for a purpose---that of saving our young people, and training them to carry the message of salvation to them that sit in darkness. And in God's own way, under his guiding hand Forest Home should continue, and prosper in the work for which it was founded.

R. O. K.

WHY FOREST HOME SHOULD BE CONTINUED

WE are once more facing a crisis, which means on one hand the continuation and success of Forest Home and on the other a dying out which can never be revived.

Why should a school that is sending young men and women out into the broad world to spread the Gospel of Divine Truth to those who are in darkness be forced to tear down its banner and lay down a life of usefulness! The world is full of schools that prepare the youth to go out and follow worldly pursuits, and while these preparations may gain for them honor and greatness in the sight of man, what is their greatness in the sight of God?

The schools which educate young people to meet the actual responsibilities of life and at the same time fits them for the School Beyond are rarely seen.

How few realize the importance of gaining a Christian education. Many parents are sending their children to the public schools because these schools have better equipments, and more advantages to those who find it hard to meet the expenses of an education; but if they would stop to consider the influence under which their children are placed in most of these schools, they would count the cost as nothing in comparison to the price of one soul.

It is a self-evident fact that more good can be done
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What is the cause of the present condition at Forest Home? Why has the conference been talking of closing the school? Is not the school self-supporting? Has it never been self-supporting? These are questions which have been asked an innumerable number of times, and which are still being asked; yet questions which can not be answered definitely.

For some time past it seems that Forest Home has been on a gradual decline, both spiritually and financially; but just what mile-post or train of events marks the beginning of the downward slope is the question which is confronting all concerned.

It seems but a repetition of the experience of the Children of Israel at Aai; and if the Lord were to speak in an audible voice as he did to Joshua, his words no doubt would be, "Arise! Get thee up! There is sin in the camp!" But where is this sin? and what is the cause of it? are questions which it would be well for

every professed follower of Christ concerned, to solve on his knees before the Throne of Grace.

The fact that the school is not self-supporting with the small attendance that it has at present is the reason that the conference has considered closing it. But why is the attendance so small? Is there not a sufficient number of Seventh-day Adventist young people in this conference to support two schools? The answer comes that there is.

Forest Home has been self-supporting, are the words of reliable managers. There is a sufficient number of young people in this division of the conference to make the school self-supporting, are the words of those who know. And that Forest Home was established by the guiding hand of the Almighty is the candid opinion of all. Then why should it not continue?

Surely the Almighty Father, the Creator of the heavens and earth, the Owner of the earth and the fullness thereof, is not bankrupt. Yet Seventh-day Adventists, the professed followers of God, expecting the soon return of their Lord, often give as tho they tho the Lord could not possibly give them another cent.

Facing such circumstances; let us each lay all on the altar and become a fervent lifter for the cause of God.



Do you care where your boy or your girl spends eternity? Now is the time to start them on the right road.

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in several small schools than can be accomplished in one larger one; first, By virtue of the larger territory which they cover, giving them a wider scope of influence and making it possible for students to attend school without having to go so far from home; second, The teachers have a better opportunity to work for the individual advancement of each student; third, Less formality is necessary where there are but few students to deal with, hence there is more sociability on the part of all.

It is needless to repeat the long established fact that nature is the best school for man. In the beginning God set certain principles by which his people might gain a true and pure education. Those who departed from the plan appointed, built for themselves cities and gloried in their splendor, luxury and vice. "But those who held fast God's principles of life dwelt among fields and hills."

Away from the evil fascinations of the city, equidistant between the river and hills, with rocks, lakes, forests and valleys on either side, Forest Home was established. We believe that it was God's will that this school should be planted here and that it should continue. We have all the requirements necessary from the standpoint of size, location and teachers, to make Forest Home an ideal school.

In this present crisis our minds are carried back to the words of Jeremiah, as he pleaded with God for the restoration of Jerusalem: "All that pass by clap their

hands at thee; they hiss and wag their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The Perfection of Beauty, The Joy of the Whole Earth?" Surely we can not permit our school to become a monument to failure.

The Forest Home students are loyal to their school. Many are devoting much of their time and means to the advancement of this school and to see it carried on to success. There are parents who have sacrificed to buy near the Academy that their children may have the advantage of Christian training. There are students of Forest Home who are anxious and willing to work hard for their Christian education, but who, if this school should close its doors, would have to go out to the world to finish their courses.

And now with these facts in view, are we going to sit idly by and watch the passing of our beloved school and see our loyal students scattered to the world. No, it must not be so!

L. G. S.



LOYALTY

LOYALTY is that power by which hardship is endured for any cause. To be loyal to our school may mean a great many discouragements and trials, but if we remain loyal thru all these many hardships we shall not only have saved our school for greater and broader usefulness but by so doing shall have gained new strength for ourselves.

To a great degree it is by loyalty that great victories are won in any cause. Caesar and Napoleon owe the greater portion of their success as generals to the fact that their armies were loyal to them. It was by the spirit of loyalty---true patriotism---that the continental army in the war of the Revolution, endured hardship and privation and at last by their untiring efforts gained a great victory. Just so, if the students and patrons of Forest Home Academy in its struggle for existence, do not allow hardships or trials to bring discouragement, the Academy will yet, by the help of the Almighty, have an important part in preparing workers to spread the Third Angel's Message to all parts of the world.

Even if things do not always go just as you think they should, whatever you do, be loyal to Forest Home. Speak a good word for our school at every opportunity.

Patrons and students, if we all lift together for the betterment of our school, putting aside all past troubles and discouragements, and lean heavily on the Almighty arm, our future trials will pass away.

Never was Forest Home in greater need of the loyalty of every patron and student than at the present time. A crisis has been reached---shall our school live or die? Patrons and fellow students, it rests with you to save a school that is dear to the heart of every Forestonian. Now is the time to act. We will not gain by waiting. Let us do everything in our power, whatever it may be, for the advancing and betterment of our school.

V. C. B.

What is the fundamental purpose of our schools? Is it to enrich the denomination? or for the giving of a Christian education to our youth? If the former, give us a central school. If the latter, leave both schools as they are, and try boosting for a change.

All we need more at Forest Home is the young people in this end of the conference who have not received sufficient encouragement to leave home and loved ones and come to a Christian school.

A good knocker can ruin in a day, the work of centuries. Then do not flatter yourself if you are successful in opposing a noble cause.